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Veterinary European Clinical Training and Assessment Record (VECTAR)

UK/11/LLP-LdV/TOI-426

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Project Information

Title: Veterinary European Clinical Training and Assessment Record (VECTAR)

Project Number: UK/11/LLP-LdV/TOI-426

Year: 2011

Project Type: Transfer of Innovation

Status: granted

Country: UK-United Kingdom

Marketing Text: The VECTAR project has developed an innovative IT-supported system to support work-based training, supervision and skills assessment for trainee veterinary nurses.

Summary: Rationale
The acquisition of safe and effective clinical skills, that meet employer and (where relevant) professional regulator requirements, are key to veterinary nurse training. These skills are largely gained in the workplace and should be supported by robust support and quality systems. Expectations in relation to competence must also be explicit, readily understood and transferable across international boundaries.

The aims of the project were:
1 To agree a list of essential practical skills in which veterinary nursing students must gain experience and competency during work-based learning, based on the ACOVENE Dossier of Competencies and taking into account feedback from employers and other stakeholders
2. To develop a European IT (internet)-based system for recording the acquisition of clinical skills and competency, based on the progress log developed by the RCVS and currently in use in the UK
3. To develop a readily accessible training package to facilitate the preparation of students' learning supervisors in the workplace
4. To review and update the Dossier of Competencies as necessary

The project consortium
The consortium comprised organisations and schools of veterinary nursing from across Europe, encompassing a diverse range of geographical locations and veterinary cultures. The majority of materials used by European schools of veterinary nursing to support work-based practical learning are paper-based and do not readily facilitate the monitoring of progress whilst students are out of college in the workplace. None of the partner schools offer training to the work-based supervisors of their students.
The project addressed these issues and produced adapted IT and training tools that were driven by stakeholder feedback and that were suitable for use across Europe.

Description: The project had eleven work packages and three main phases: - initial trial, amendment and field test, final product and dissemination. The first phase, completed in June 2012, trialed and tested the unadapted UK IT tool and mentor training for European application and suitability. The partner institutions subsequently made amendments to both the IT tool and mentorship training package. The amended product was field tested with larger student cohorts, leading to final product development and wide dissemination in the veterinary education field during 2013.

Themes:
*** Quality
*** Sustainability
*** ICT
*** Recognition, transparency, certification
*** Initial training
** Utilization and distribution of results
** Lifelong learning
* Labor market
* Intercultural learning
* Open and distance learning

Sectors: *** Education

Project Information

** Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities

Product Types:	distribution methods evaluation methods website others teaching material
Product information:	A web-based recording system for skills acquisition, supported by a mentorship training package for work-based supervisors.
Projecthomepage:	www.vectar.org

Project Contractor

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Country:	UK-United Kingdom
Organization Type:	association/non-governmental organisation
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Partner

Partner 1

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City:	Oslo
Country/Region:	Oslo Og Akershus
Country:	NO-Norway
Organization Type:	university/Fachhochschule/academy
Homepage:	http://www.veths.no

Partner 2

Name:	Skillwise UK Ltd
City:	Bracknell
Country/Region:	Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire
Country:	UK-United Kingdom
Organization Type:	SME - small and medium-sized enterprise (up to 250 employees)
Homepage:	http://www.skillwise.net

Partner 3

Name:	Polytechnic Institute of Visieu
City:	Visieu
Country/Region:	Centro (P)
Country:	PT-Portugal
Organization Type:	National Agency
Homepage:	http://www.ipv.pt

Partner 4

Name:	Thomas More
City:	Geel
Country/Region:	Antwerpen
Country:	BE-Belgium
Organization Type:	continuing training institution
Homepage:	http://www.khk.be

Partner

Partner 5

Name: Abivet SLU
City: Rome
Country/Region: Lazio
Country: IT-Italy
Organization Type: SME - small and medium-sized enterprise (up to 250 employees)
Homepage: http://www.abivet.org

Partner 6

Name: Amiedu
City: Helsinki
Country/Region: Etelä-Suomi
Country: FI-Finland
Organization Type: continuing training institution
Homepage: http://www.amiedu.fi

Partner 7

Name: Groenhorst College
City: Barnveld
Country/Region: Gelderland
Country: NL-Netherlands
Organization Type: continuing training institution
Homepage: http://www.groenhorstbarneveld.nl

Partner 8

Name: Federation of European Companion Animal Veterinary Associations
City: Paris
Country/Region: Ile De France
Country: FR-France
Organization Type: association/non-governmental organisation
Homepage: http://www.fecava.org

Partner

Partner 9

Name:	Accreditation Committee for Veterinary Nurse Education
City:	London
Country/Region:	Inner London
Country:	UK-United Kingdom
Organization Type:	association/non-governmental organisation
Homepage:	http://www.acovene.com

Project Files

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Clinical coach training package to facilitate the preparation of students' learning supervisors in the workplace

Annex 3.3 Amiedu Finland Small animal skills list 2013 _3_.pdf

http://www.adam-europe.eu/prj/8311/prj/Annex%203.3%20Amiedu%20Finland%20Small%20animal%20skills%20list%202013%20_3_.pdf

Finnish practical skills lllist for veterinary nurses.

Annex 3.4 Amiedu Coach package.pdf

http://www.adam-europe.eu/prj/8311/prj/Annex%203.4%20Amiedu%20Coach%20package.pdf

Finnish coaching package to facilitate the preparation of students; learning supervisors in the workplace

Annex 3.5 Groenhorst and Thomas More skills list.pdf

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Dutch practical skills list for veterinary nurses

Annex 3.6 Gorenhorst and Thomas More CC Pack.pdf

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Dutch coaching package to facilitate the preparation of studetns' learning supervisors in the workplace.

Annex 3.7 NVH Skills list.xlsx

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Norwegian practical skills list for veterinary nurses

Annex 3.8 Viseu skills list.xlsx

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portugese practical skills list for veterinary nurses

Annex 3.9 Viseu On-line coaching pack.pdf

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portugese coaching pack to facilitate the preparation of students' learning supervisors in the workplace.

Products

1 Launch conference

2 Clinical Training and Assessment Record (CTAR)

3 CTAR Skills list

4 Clinical Coach training pack

5 Dissemination conference

Product 'Launch conference'

Title:	Launch conference
Product Type:	others
Marketing Text:	A two-day initial conference, scheduled for 10th and 11th November 2011, that will include a "public" day, to which sectoral guests from European schools of veterinary nursing, veterinary organisations and other stakeholders, will be invited to raise awareness of the project aims. A further day, for partners only, will introduce the products and systems to be field trialed and adapted.
Description:	Conference
Target group:	Veterinary nurse educators and stakeholders interested in veterinary nurse clinical training
Result:	This conference was held as planned
Area of application:	Self explanatory
Homepage:	www.vectar.org
Product Languages:	

Product 'Clinical Training and Assessment Record (CTAR)'

Title:	Clinical Training and Assessment Record (CTAR)
Product Type:	others
Marketing Text:	The CTAR being developed to provide a European web-based system for recording student learning, progress and competence in practical work-based learning. The tool enables college tutors to monitor the progress of students whilst they acquire skills in clinical veterinary practice, and to maintain contact with students and their supervisors whilst away from the college environment.
Description:	A web-based tool for recording the teaching and learning of work-based clinical skills in veterinary nursing practice.
Target group:	Veterinary nurse educators, veterinary educators, all programmes that include critical elements of work-based learning.
Result:	The CTAR is now ready for use and available through ACOVENE
Area of application:	Recording work-based learning and assessment
Homepage:	www.vectar.org
Product Languages:	English

Product 'CTAR Skills list'

Title:	CTAR Skills list
Product Type:	program or curricula
Marketing Text:	The CTAR skills list is a detailed list of essential European practical veterinary nursing skills that complements the ACOVENE Dossier of Competences. ACOVENE is a quality assurance organisation that sets agreed standards for programmes of European veterinary nurse education. The CTAR list provides detailed guidance to educators, clinical supervisors and students concerning essential nursing skills to be acquired during work-based placement.
Description:	Guidance for work-based teaching and learning
Target group:	veterinary nurse educators, clinical supervisors, student veterinary nurses
Result:	The completed CTAR skills list is now available.
Area of application:	Veterinary nurse education
Homepage:	www.vectar.org
Product Languages:	Norwegian Finnish Portuguese Dutch English

product files

skills list

annex 3.2a Small animal skills list april 2013 amended Porto.doc

http://www.adam-europe.eu/prj/8311/prd/3/2/annex%203.2a%20Small%20animal%20skills%20list%20april%202013%20amended%20Porto.doc
Agreed practical skills list

Annex 3.3 Amiedu Finland Small animal skills list 2013 _3_.pdf

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FInnish practical skills list

Annex 3.5 Groenhorst and Thomas More skills list.pdf

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Dutch practical skills list

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Annex 3.8 Viseu skills list.xlsx

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Portugese practical skills list

Product 'Clinical Coach training pack'

Title:	Clinical Coach training pack
Product Type:	teaching material
Marketing Text:	A package of training materials to provide induction training in supervisory and coaching skills for workplace supervisors (coaches) of student veterinary nurses
Description:	Open learning training package
Target group:	Veterinary nurse educators, workplace staff charged with supervising student veterinary nurses
Result:	The completed electronic coaching package is now available.
Area of application:	Veterinary nurse education
Homepage:	www.vectar.org
Product Languages:	Portuguese Finnish Norwegian Dutch English

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Coaching package

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Coaching package to facilitate preparation of students' learning supervisors in the workplace

Annex 3.4 Amiedu Coach package.pdf

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finnish coaching package

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Dutch coaching package

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Norwegian coaching package

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Portugese coaching package

Product 'Dissemination conference'

Title:	Dissemination conference
Product Type:	distribution methods
Marketing Text:	A conference, to be held in Helsinki on the 30th August 2013, to which key sector stakeholders (schools of veterinary nursing, veterinary professional and regulatory organisations) will be invited. This conference is an opportunity to present the project results and will be of interest to all veterinary and veterinary nurse educators, and educators from any other field that relies upon work-based teaching and learning for the assimilation of critical skills.
Description:	Dissemination conference
Target group:	Veterinary and veterinary nurse educators, other vocational educators, veterinary professional associations
Result:	Marketing of project products. This conference was held as planned. To view presentations and footage of this event please visit www.vectar.org
Area of application:	Practical education and assessment
Homepage:	www.vectar.org
Product Languages:	English

Events

Dissemination conference

Date	30.08.2013
Description	Open conference to present a web-based system for recording the acquisition of clinical skills and competence, the agreed European list of practical skills and the electronic training package for students' supervisors.
Target audience	Veterinary and veterinary nurse educators, and others involved in vocational training that includes critical work-based learning and assessment
Public	Event is open to the public
Contact Information	j.dugmore@rcvs.org.uk www.vectar.org
Time and place	30 August 2013, Amiedu, Helsinki

Final adaptation meeting

Date	11.04.2013
Description	Two-day partner conference to evaluate field trial of adapted products and to finalise long term arrangements for sustainability.
Target audience	Partner schools, veterinary organisations
Public	Event is open to the public
Contact Information	j.dugmore@rcvs.org.uk
Time and place	Porto, Portugal; venue to be arranged

Pilot phase

Date	01.08.2012
Description	Partner schools to pilot the delivery of coach training, using the adapted clinical coach training package and to pilot the adapted European CTAR and practical skills list.
Target audience	Partner schools, students on clinical placement, clinical supervisors, employers
Public	Event is open to the public
Contact Information	Julie Dugmore j.dugmore@rcvs.org.uk
Time and place	The pilot will take place from August 2012 to April 2013. Netherlands, Belgium, Finland, Norway, Portugal

Events

Mid-project partner meeting

Date	28.06.2012
Description	Two-day meeting to review the project pilot and agree adaptations to: - the online clinical skills log, including the list of "day one" veterinary nursing practical skills - the underpinning Dossier of European Competencies for veterinary nurses (used by ACOVENE and resulting from the DASVENT TOI project) - the training package for work-based clinical supervisors
Target audience	Partner schools, veterinary organisations
Public	Event is open to the public
Contact Information	Julie Dugmore j.dugmore@rcvs.org.uk
Time and place	Amsterdam (Hilton Hotel, Schippol) 28 & 29 June 2012

Field trial phase

Date	06.01.2012
Description	Trial of the RCVS online clinical skills recording system and delivery of training package for clinical coaches with partner schools of veterinary nursing
Target audience	Partner schools, students on clinical placement, clinical supervisors, employers
Public	Event is open to the public
Contact Information	Julie Dugmore, j.dugmore@rcvs.org.uk
Time and place	January to June 2012, Netherlands, Belgium, Finland, Norway, Portugal

Events

Inaugural conference

Date	10.11.2011
Description	Initial project conference to introduce the TOI product, aims of the project and work package 2
Target audience	Veterinary nurse educators, veterinary associations and partner institutions
Public	Event is open to the public
Contact Information	email vetnursing@rcvs.org.uk tel: +44 207 222 2001 Christine James
Time and place	10 - 11 November 2011 Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons London